

**FORT MILL MELANGE.**

**Fifty Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.**

Local bayers are paying 30 cents a bushel for cotton seed this week. Mr. J. B. Culp is serious y ill of typhoid fever at his home in Pleasant Valley.

Mr. J. W. Potts, of Pleasant Valley, entered the first-year class at Furman University, in Greenville, a few days ago.

The 2-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. White died at his old home near Fort Mill Thursday morning. The child was a boy.

The Standard Oil Company has purchased from Mr. J. M. Spratt a small lot near the depot in this place and will build a coal-oil tank thereon.

Rev. B. A. Yongue returned from Piedmont, S. C., Friday evening, after an absence of a week in assisting Rev. T. C. Ligon in a religious meeting.

Prof. S. M. Mason has been offered a clerical position in the Philippine Islands by the War Department. It is understood that he will not accept the place.

Mr. Harper Woods, of Chester, spent Sunday with friends in Fort Mill. Several years ago he was employed at the drug store of Dr. T. B. Meacham in this place.

Mr. W. P. Rawlinson, who resigned the position of boss dyer at the upper mill in this place a few years ago to accept a similar position with the Sibley mills in Augusta, Ga., has left Augusta and will travel extensively in this State and North Carolina before he tries to secure another position.

Zeb Blake, a 12-year-old negro boy, was seriously scalded while at work at the shops of the Spratt Machine Company in this place yesterday morning. He says that another negro boy slipped into the boiler room and turned the steam on him. It is understood that Magistrate McElhanev will take cognizance of the case.

About all one hears in military circles in this place these days is talk of the parade and competitive drill which are to take place in the Columbia during fair week. The local company hopes to be able to participate in both the parade and drill, though it is realized that the chances of winning one of the cash prizes to be given the three best drilled companies in the State are somewhat against it, as the company has been organized only three months. The members of the company are sanguine, however, that they will make a creditable show.

Mr. Sam F. Massey of our town has applied for the clerkship of the State pension board. We would not like to lose him as a citizen, but we believe the State would be benefited by his appointment, at least the old soldiers thereof. His recommendations from a number of counties and prominent individuals are of the best. He has not sought to prevent an array of unmeaning names—every name counts. He will be of incalculable service in that position by reason of education, training and moral force. We hope for the sake of deserving pensioners as well as himself that no hesitancy will be made in giving him the appointment.

**\$40,000 Forfeited in This Township.**

About the middle of April, 1865, the Bank of Charlotte (N. C.) had in its vaults \$40,000 in gold and silver. It was apprehended that General Stoneham would raid the city and capture the money, and the cashier and teller took it to the country in four boxes for safe keeping. They became nervous and returned to the city, where they told Col. J. Harvey Wilson, a director of the bank, that he must make some arrangement to take care of the specie. Colonel Wilson called to his assistance Capt. S. E. White, of this place, who was feeble of sickness and recruiting at his father's home in Charlotte. These two procured a vehicle and brought the money to the old White mansion, just outside Fort Mill. There was difficulty in finding utensils with which to bury the treasure, and as they did not want to arouse anybody Cap-

tain White took a fire shovel and going to a secluded spot on the plantation did the best he could to secrete the boxes in a branch. Next morning fearing that he had not succeeded in his work on account of extreme darkness, the captain went to investigate and found that he had failed to cover the boxes entirely. Having a better tool to work with, he moved the boxes and hid them so he thought they could not be found; but the labor and want of sleep rendered him unfit to return to Charlotte with Colonel Wilson, who started to return on horseback. After proceeding a short distance on his journey, some soldiers of Ferguson's command wanted to take the colonel's horse, and he returned to the White mansion, where Captain White and the soldiers had an altercation about the horse. Capt. Robt. Fullwood, a venerable neighbor, walked to the captain's side and raising his cane told the soldiers that they could not deprive him of many days and that they would only get the horse over his dead body. This feeble resistance would probably have been overcome by the soldiers, but just then Capt. John Mills rode up at the head of his cavalry company and seeing the situation called to Captain White and asked if he was in trouble. On receiving a reply, Captain Mills formed his men for action and dispersed the mob. But they had a mean revenge, for that night they burned the White ginhouse with over a hundred bales of cotton.

During the past two years Captain White has received three letters purporting to come from some one in Charlotte, telling him treasure was hidden on his place and offering to find it for a certain consideration; but no reply was vouchsafed, for the captain knew that in July, 1865, Colonel Wilson and other directors took the money back to Charlotte. However, on Captain White's recent return from western North Carolina it was found that during his absence someone had dug around one or two pillars in the cellar at the mansion, which has been for some time unoccupied. It is supposed that his correspondent took advantage of his absence and searched on his own account for the treasure. It is needless to say that the fellow had his work for nothing. It is not known whether the writer of the three letters is a white man or a negro.

**That Thrilling Romance.**

Editor Times: In your last issue and in a number of other papers of this State is a notice of a thrilling story by Mrs. Thad. E. Horton, of Atlanta, in the Ladies Home Journal, wherein that authoress gives a vivid description of the death of Annie, daughter of Governor Pickens, at the bridal altar in the executive mansion at Columbia.

It is strange that none of the citizens of Columbia, who have been consulted, know anything of that sad event; equally strange that the scene is laid in the mansion when there was no such building; and passing strange that a historian should record Governor Pickens as occupying the mansion when Hon. A. G. Magrath was governor of the State.

One of three excuses arises in my mind for this mistake: A very fertile imagination, which is not only pardonable but sometimes commendable in an author; impulsion by some shrewd person on the writer's credulity, which is unfortunate; or plagiarism on the writer's part, which is a literary crime.

The main features of the case are represented as transpiring at Vicksburg, during the memorable siege of that city, in a novel entitled "The Cave of Hecobar," written by a Presbyterian minister in Mississippi, Rev. Richard Crozier, who was also author of "Through Fiery Trials," "The Confederate Spy," etc.

The hero in that novel was Pathurst Beaumont, who, while at a northern college, became the affianced of the bride that was killed. After the war had separated them she drifted to Vicksburg and was

there, at the bridal altar, killed by a shell from a federal gun, after which her lover rejoined his command and did many daring things. The cases are so similar that ground for accusation of plagiarism is afforded; but let us hope that Mrs. Horton has been misled. S. F. M.

**Looking Backward.**

It is a great thing for a man to have a good family record, says Charity and Children. To bear an honored name is a glorious heritage. But it becomes a calamity when one depends upon what his ancestors did rather than what he can do himself. Several gentlemen were discussing the old worthies in their families one day, and putting a little extra coloring on their ability and worth, when a member of the party who had not previously spoken remarked: "Well, gentlemen, I have nothing that I can say about my descent; my ascent is all that I can boast about." Charleston lives largely in the past; Atlanta in the present. The bottom rail since the war has risen to the top. It cuts no figure now for a man to tell how many negroes his father once owned. We rejoice that this is so. In this country more than any other in the world the man rises toward the top who has the will to work, while he gravitates toward the bottom who leans back on the old days when his grandfather used bank notes for gunwadding and spent his money freely. A man should build on the foundation of a good name—not simply brag about it.

**Governor to Officiate.**

Governor McSwiney has accepted an invitation extended by two young men of Kingstree to be present at their marriage, and also to perform the marriage ceremony. The marriage is to take place on October 31.

This is rather an unusual request, but as the governor is a personal friend of the parties, he has accepted the invitation. In their letters the young men state that they are to be married at the same time to two young ladies who are of the Jewish faith. They severally seem to have decided that neither a priest nor a minister should officiate to make them men and wives, and determined to have a civil ceremony. The prospective happy groomsmen being friends of the governor, invited him to perform the legal marriage ceremony.

Governors of South Carolina have officiated in marriage ceremonies before, when the happy couples came to his office and made the request that he make them one, but, perhaps, this is the first time in the history of the State when the governor will take the place of a minister or priest at a home wedding.—Columbia Record.

**FARM FOR SALE.**

A valuable plantation near Thora's ferry, Fort Mill township, containing four hundred and eighty-one (381) acres, now rented to good tenants. Terms, one fourth cash, balance on time. Address: W. L. ROBBEN, Rock Hill, S. C.

**Fresh Meat**

AND  
**Fresh Ice.**

Yes! Ira G. Smythe & Son will keep constantly on hand a supply of Meats and Ice. Comparatively speaking, we have been unavoidably out of the business for two months, but we hope to be able in the future, by close attention to business and fair dealing with our patrons, to furnish them with both Meat and Ice in season, and merit a liberal share of the public patronage.

Orders for Sunday Ice received Saturday, and Ice delivered from 7 to 9 a. m. Sundays. Call up No. 37 any time you need Meat or Ice.

**IRA G. SMYTHE & SON.**

**TURNIPS.**

Now is the time to sow Turnips. I have just received a fresh supply—in all varieties.

Have also received a new lot of molasses—reboiled Georgia Syrup, Puerto Rico, Sugar House, and Silver Drip Syrup.

Octagon Soap is the best. I have it.

White Fish, Fresh Cakes, Crackers and Canned Goods of all kinds.

Highest market prices paid for country produce.

**A. O. JONES**

**Town Ordinance.**

Ordinance regulating the buying and collection of taxes.

Be it ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Fort Mill in Council assembled and by authority of same—

Sec. 1. That two (2) mills on the dollar be levied upon all real and personal property within the incorporated limits of said town on January 1, 1900, be and the same is hereby made for ordinary purposes.

Sec. 2. That tax shall be and become due and payable on the 31st day of October, 1900, at the office of J. M. Spratt, secretary and treasurer, and the treasurer's books shall be open for the collection of same and the same paid with-out penalty up to and including the 15th day of November, 1900, after which said taxes may be paid with twenty per cent added until December 1, 1900.

Sec. 3. That on and after December 1, 1900, executions will be issued against all delinquents for the full amount of taxes due, together with twenty per cent penalty and all costs, including one dollar for every execution issued by the treasurer.

Done and ratified in Council assembled this October 1, 1900.

R. F. GREER, Intendant.  
J. M. SPRATT, Secy. and Treas.

An Ordinance providing for the punishment of persons assisting, hindering, or obstructing officers of the Town of Fort Mill in the discharge of their duties.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of Fort Mill in Council assembled—

That any person who in any manner resists, hinders, or obstructs any marshal, policeman, or other authorized officer of the Town of Fort Mill in the discharge of any of the duties vested in such officers shall, on conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprisonment of not more than thirty days or by work on the streets or chain gang of not more than thirty days for every such offense.

Enacted in Council this 20th day of September, 1900.

R. F. GREER, Intendant.  
Attest: J. M. SPRATT, Clerk.

**Notice of Election.**

An election for an Intendant and four Wardens, to serve the town of Fort Mill for the ensuing year, will be held in Fort Mill on the second Tuesday in January, 1901.

W. B. Meacham has been appointed registrar, and the books of registration will be closed 10 days before the election.

R. F. GREER, Intendant.  
Attest: J. M. SPRATT, Clerk.

**YOU** are going to die. If you love your wife and children you will provide for their future comfort with a policy in the **World**. It is safe and cheap. White Oak Camp meets in Massy's hall 2d and 4th Tuesday nights in each month.

**Cotton Warehouse.**

Anyone wishing to store their cotton in a clean dry place will find that we are prepared to store and insure same in our standard warehouse, near our mill. Our price for storing and insuring will be 15 cents per bale per month or fractional part of a month. We will advance money on any cotton stored with us at 8 per cent interest.

ST. MARY MANUFACTURING CO.  
September 29, 1900.

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**HARRISON'S - RESTAURANT.**

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Best Oysters in the city.

Largest lunch counter in the State.  
221 West Trade street.

**Photographs.**

The best in the city at the price. Cabinets, \$2 per dozen. Smaller quantities and other sizes reasonable.

**O. J. RADER, Charlotte, N. C.**

No. 1 West Fifth street.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber or otherwise trespass on the lands of the undersigned. Persons violating this warning will be dealt with according to law.

P. NIMS,  
J. W. ANDREY,  
J. D. WITHERS,  
S. E. WHITE.

**Money Loaned**

We negotiate mortgage loans on improved farms at reasonable rates.

WITHERSPOON & SPENCER,  
Rock Hill and Yorkville, S. C.

**POINTERS.**

A gold ring can be had by chewing "Wrigley's Gum."

The most comfort can be had from "Cuban Styl" cigars.

Garwood's Cologne Extracts are the best made—they cost the most.

"Loomen" is the brand and name of the maker of the standard tooth brush of the world.

"Wah-Wah" is the best smoking tobacco. A clay pipe and stem goes with it.

"Match It" is the name of the new cheroots that overtop all the well-known brands.

**W. B. ANDREY & CO.**

**R & G CORSETS.**

They are the cheapest in the end because they **HOLD THEIR SHAPE;**

are more comfortable, more stylish and last longer. No. 506 is especially attractive. It is the new straight front or erect form. It throws the shoulders back into a fine military poise. It inflicts no strain upon the bust or abdomen

and thereby prevents indigestion. Ladies that have tried it say "it is simply grand." We have just received a full assortment of these famous and popular Corsets. If you will try one pair you will never buy any other make.

The price is no higher than for other makes—only \$1 per pair.....

**L. J. MASSEY.**

**MEACHAM & EPPS**

Have on sale two of the leading makes of Shoes in America, viz—Bay State Shoe Co., of New York, and Drew Shelby & Co., of Portsmouth, Ohio. The former make men, women and childrens' fine and medium goods, whose wearing qualities can not be questioned; the latter make ladies' fine goods only, and to the lady who wants a real fine dress shoe we certainly can recommend this line of goods. We have never seen as fine piece of kid put in the same price goods. When you visit our store ask to see our Drew Shelby & Co. Shoes.

**MEACHAM & EPPS.**

**WINCHESTER**

**Factory Loaded Shotgun Shells.**

"LEADER" and "REPEATER" loaded with Smokeless powder and "NEW RIVAL" loaded with Black powder. Superior to all other brands for

**UNIFORMITY, RELIABILITY AND STRONG SHOOTING QUALITIES.**

Winchester Shells are for sale by all dealers. Insist upon having them when you buy and you will get the best.

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We have a large and well-selected stock of—

Notions, Shoes, Hats, and Ready-Made Clothing.

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And we solicit a share of your patronage.

Our new Line of Ladies' Dress Goods and Ready-made Skirts, will surprise you.

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